The course content is preparing me to move into a senior role in a public library, and it’s also giving me broad skills that are transferable to academic libraries, not-for-profit work, and work in governmental organizations.

Thomas Knutson, Post-Master’s Certificate student
Post-Master’s Certificate in Library and Information Science
at San José State University School of Library and Information Science

Have you been out of graduate school for a while and want to update your knowledge, so you’re ready for the next step in your career?

Are you searching for new ways to evaluate emerging trends and decide which ones to incorporate into your work as an information professional?

Do you want an in-depth learning experience that is tailored to your career aspirations?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, our online Post-Master’s Certificate program was designed for you!

Program Highlights

- Fit coursework around your schedule – all courses are fully online.
- Explore emerging trends in the information profession.
- Build leadership skills.
- Exchange ideas with a global and diverse e-learning community.
- Select courses in one of six career pathways.
- Learn how to use new technologies.
- Earn your certificate in as little as one year.

Which career pathway will you choose?

To earn your Post-Master’s Certificate, you’ll complete six courses (16 units). The learning journey begins with a one-unit course that introduces our school’s interactive online learning environment, followed by five courses in your selected career pathway.

There are six career pathways designed specifically for information professionals. The specialized curriculum covers the skills and knowledge required in today’s diverse global information landscapes. Each career pathway includes numerous courses from which to choose, and many courses focus on technology and leadership skills that you’ll immediately use on the job.

Program Snapshot

Choose Your Career Pathway

Select Five Courses

Earn Your Certificate

You can study at your own pace, and you have up to three years to complete the program. If you take two courses each session (fall, spring, and summer), you can finish in one year! Since most coursework is delivered asynchronously, you don’t have to rearrange your work schedule in order to attend live sessions. The built-in flexibility of our online program is a huge bonus for many working students.

“The program’s flexibility is key – I work full time and have a child. With SJSU SLIS, I have access to great professors and a great program.”

Carleen Huxley,
Post-Master’s Certificate student

Six Career Pathways & Sample Courses

**Digital Archives and Records Management**
- Implications of Cloud Computing on Records Management
- Curation of New Digital Media

**Information Intermediation and Instruction**
- Teaching in an Exclusively Virtual Environment
- Web Searching

**Leadership & Management**
- Project Management
- Marketing of Information Products and Services

**Web Programming & Information Architecture**
- Cybersecurity
- Designing Mobile Apps

**Digital Services & Emerging Technologies**
- Information Visualization
- Web Usability

**Youth Services**
- Children and Information Technology
- The Hyperlinked Library
Outstanding Faculty

Our faculty members are award-winning scholars and leaders in their professional communities. Serving as investigators for grant-funded research projects, they play an instrumental role in the evolution of our field. Many are former practitioners, and some are currently working in the field, bringing a practical perspective to their courses. They contribute their expertise as educators and scholars in areas as diverse as information governance, information center management, emerging technology, youth services, digital archives, preservation, knowledge management, and reference services.

Interactive Online Environment

As a student in our certificate program, you will participate in a collaborative learning environment with graduate students and faculty in our school’s nationally ranked Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program.

Our instructors and students exchange ideas and perspectives via live web conferences, recorded audio lectures, screencasts, emails, online discussion forums, blogs, instant messaging, and social networks. The multimedia format enlivens the learning experience while introducing students to the same types of tools they’ll use in their professional careers.

Our students get the preparation and technical assistance they need to be successful in our online program. Before new certificate students dive into their first courses, they are introduced to our school’s technology in a guided learning experience. This highly supported one-unit course ensures students are ready to hit the ground running and be successful in our school’s online learning environment.

Benefits of our School’s Fully Online Delivery Model

1. Coursework and instruction are designed for online learning. Our instructors are experts in online teaching and only teach online courses.

2. Technology is at the forefront of everything we do, with dedicated resources to support adoption of new technologies that advance our online learning environment.

3. All of our students are online students, who may live across town or on the other side of the globe, providing a diversity of perspectives that enrich each student’s learning journey.

4. All of our school’s resources are focused on supporting online students, including our career counseling, academic advising, and technology support team.

5. Our faculty can focus all their time, energy, and creativity on meeting the needs of our online students. Our programs are only offered online.
About SJSU SLIS

The San José State University School of Library and Information Science is a recognized leader in online learning and is a member of the Sloan Consortium (Sloan-C) and Quality Matters. In 2012, the school’s online programs received a score in the exemplary range according to the Sloan-C Quality Scorecard for the Administration of Online Education Programs.

In addition to the fully online Post-Master’s Certificate program, SJSU SLIS offers the following online educational programs:

- Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)
- Teacher Librarian Program
- Master of Archives and Records Administration (MARA)
- San José Gateway PhD Program

Contact Us

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Applying to the Post-Master’s Certificate Program

We’re excited that you are considering earning your Post-Master’s Certificate from the San José State University School of Library and Information Science. You can apply for admission in the fall or spring semester. Please check our website for application instructions and current application deadlines: slisweb.sjsu.edu/certificate-admissions

Admission Requirements

- A master’s degree in any discipline
- A general understanding of computers and technology
- Access to a computer with Internet connection

Tuition

Fees for the Post-Master’s Certificate program are $474 per unit, with a total cost of $7,584 (16 units). Fees are subject to change.

Accreditations

Courses in our Post-Master’s Certificate program are part of our MLIS curriculum, which is fully accredited by the American Library Association (ALA). The MLIS program has been continuously accredited by ALA since 1969. In addition, San José State University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Let the learning begin:

slisweb.sjsu.edu